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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
for Research and Intelligence

SUBJECT: Consequences of a change in the political
complexion of the French government in 1950
(ORE 5-50)

REFERENCE: DCI Directive 3/1 dated 8 July 1948

1. Problem.

To estimate the effect on US security of a possible basic change in the political complexion of the French government in 1950.

2. Scope.

This paper will examine the likelihood of national elections in France in 1950 and will analyze the complexion and orientation of the resulting government. It will estimate the effect of any basic change upon US security.

3. Deadlines.

It is intended to have an ORE draft early in February.

4. Departmental Action Required.

a. The Office of Intelligence Research of the Department of State is invited to prepare the analyses of likelihood and result mentioned in para. 2 above. To this end, OIR is requested to forward to [redacted] by 29 December 1949 an outline setting forth the treatment proposed. Upon receipt of this outline, a meeting between representatives of OIR and ORE will be arranged to discuss the scope and treatment in the outline.

25X1A b. [redacted] has been designated ORE representative for this project. It is requested that the name of a corresponding representative of OIR be notified to him upon receipt of this memorandum.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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